

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. NITIN JAMDAR
&
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C. JAYACHANDRAN**

**Thursday, the 30th day of October 2025 / 8th Karthika, 1947
WP(C) NO. 16773 OF 2020(S)**

PETITIONER:

**KERALA STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY, REPRESENTED BY
ITS MEMBER SECRETARY, NIYAMA SAHAYA BHAVAN,
HIGH COURT COMPOUND, ERNAKULAM, KOCHI - 682 031.**

RESPONDENTS:

- 1. STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY, HOME DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 001.**
- 2. THE DIRECTOR, WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 012.**
- 3. THE DIRECTOR, FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 011.**
- 4. THE KERALA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, PSC OFFICE, PATTOM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, PIN - 695 004.**

ADDITIONAL R5 IMPEADED

- 5. KERALA STATE POLICE CHIEF, GOVERNMENT OF KERALA, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.**

**ADDL. R5 IS SUO MOTU IMPEADED AS PER ORDER DATED 30/9/2020
IN WPC 16773 OF 2020.**

Writ Petition (Civil) praying inter alia that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed along with the WP(C) the High Court be pleased to

- 1. to direct the 4th respondent to furnish a status report regarding recruitment of Scientific Assistants in the Forensic Science Laboratories and**

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2. to direct the respondents 1 and 2 to furnish a status report regarding appointment of Special Prosecutors for POCSO Special Courts of the State.

This petition coming again on for orders upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support of WP(C), this Court's order dated 25/09/2025 and upon hearing the arguments of M/S. ROSHEN D. ALEXANDER, TINA ALEX THOMAS & HARIMOHAN, Advocates for the petitioner, SRI.N.MANOJ KUMAR, STATE ATTORNEY for R1 to R3 & Addl.R5, SRI. P.C.SASIDHARAN, Standing Counsel for R4, the court passed the following:

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NITIN JAMDAR, C.J.
&
C. JAYACHANDRAN, J.

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Dated this the 30th day of October 2025

ORDER

Heard Mr. Harimohan, learned counsel for the Petitioner, Mr. N. Manoj Kumar, learned State Attorney and Mr. P.C. Sasidharan, learned Standing Counsel for the Kerala Public Service Commission.

2. In the order dated 25 September 2025, the decision taken in the joint meeting held on 17 September 2025, that the State Police Chief had stressed the requirement for additional posts of Scientific Officers in the Biology, Chemistry, and Documents Divisions of the Forensic Science and Laboratories was noted and the petition was adjourned to report further progress.

3. An affidavit was filed by the State Home Department on 29 October 2025, stating that the State Police Chief had submitted a proposal for creating additional posts of 8 Scientific Officers (Biology), 7 Scientific Officers (Chemistry), and 16 Scientific Officers (Documents). The proposal has now been forwarded to the Finance Department for remarks, and the file is pending circulation before the Minister for Finance. As per the decision taken in the meeting dated 17 September 2025, and after obtaining concurrence from the Finance

Department, the Kerala Public Services Commission would take further steps.

4. The learned Standing Counsel for the Kerala Public Services Commission submitted that, with regard to the existing vacancies, advice has been made for two posts, namely, 12 Scientific Officers (Documents) and 1 Scientific Officer (Physics).

5. Considering the above position and the need for additional posts as stressed by the State Police Chief, and the fact that the requirement is related to the law and order situation, and that in the meeting held on 17 September 2025, it was decided that the Finance Department would take steps on an urgent basis, we expect the Finance Department to process the file within four weeks from today.

6. A copy of this order shall be furnished to the Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, so that steps can be taken on an urgent basis. Thereafter, the Kerala Public Services Commission will take up the further process in the matter.

7. Post on 4 December 2025.

Sd/-
NITIN JAMDAR
CHIEF JUSTICE

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C. JAYACHANDRAN
JUDGE

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